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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE EMBASSY AMBASSADOR AND STAFF REQUEST ASYLUM IN U.

S.

1. VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR, DUONG HOANG THANH, CALLED AT EMBASSY MAY 2 AND REQUESTED ASYLUM FOR HIMSELF, HIS ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC STAFF AND THEIR FAMILITES. HE URGED PERMISSION BE GRANTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO PROCEED TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER RFUGEE PROGRAM.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT REQUEST AMBASSADOR ALREADY HAD MADE TO FRENCH EMBASSY FOR VISA TO FRANCE, AMBASSADOR INSISTED HE AND HIS STAFF WISH TO GO TO USA.

3. WE ARE GAHERING DATA ON AMBASSADOR AND STAFF BUT GAVE HIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ACTION WOULD BE QUICK OR FAVORABLE AND URGED HIM TO EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBLE COUNTRIES OF REFUGE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REALIZE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM VIETNAMESE AND KHMER DIPLOMATIC STAFF AROUND WORLD BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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